

Serial No. 10/020,447

Applicant: Thomas D. FLETCHER

Amendment and RCE dated: May 8, 20066

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 10-15, 17-25, 32-39 and 41-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 and 26-31 have been withdrawn. Claim 40 has been previously cancelled. Claim 16 has been cancelled. Claims 10 and 17 have been amended. Claims 10, 13, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ware (U.S. Pat. No. 4,623,982). Claims 14 and 22-25 were rejected as under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ware. Claims 11 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ware in view of Vo et al. (hereinafter “Vo”), (U.S. Pat. No. 4,737,926).

Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 and should now be allowable. Likewise, claim 17 has been amended to include similar features. Favorable consideration of claim 17 and those claims that depend from it is requested. In view of these amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10-15, 17-25, 32-39 and 41-42 is respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and favorable action in connection with this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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